

**Needs of Our Children:
Pediatric Care Before,
During and After Disaster**

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Program Objectives

- To identify unique needs associated with children before, during and after an emergency or disaster.
- To describe the unique needs / resources of the pediatric care delivery system.

Program Objectives

- To discuss the experience of pediatric care providers during Hurricane Katrina.
- To discuss areas for improvement related to the care of and planning for children's needs before, during and after an emergency or disaster.

Outline

- Pediatric population
- Overview of pediatric delivery system
- Experiences in recent disasters
- Implications for disasters
- Possible approaches
- Efforts so far
- Future

Pediatric Population

- Number of kids
- Number of kids with chronic illness
- Unique vulnerability – biological
- Unique vulnerability – environmental

Overview of Pediatric Delivery System

- Outpatient
- Inpatient
 - General facilities
 - Specialty facilities
- Capacity
 - Routine
 - Surge

Experiences In Recent Disasters

- Terrorist
 - Oklahoma City
 - Twin Towers
- Natural
 - Katrina
 - General population
 - Sick
 - Chronically ill
- Other

Implications For Disasters

- Place within local, state, national systems
- Inter-relationships locally
- Inter-relationships nationally

Possible Approaches

- Top down
 - National Disaster Medical System
- Bottom up
 - Network
- Preparedness planning
 - Public health, first responders, etc.

Efforts So Far

- Southeast region
- Texas experience
- National organizations

Future

- Other areas where children are the focus and where efforts should be directed:
 - Pre-event planning
 - Schools
 - Child care centers
 - Children with special needs
 - Others